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1. In March 1948, 250 tons of carbon were ~~dispatched to Bitterfeld for graphitization, and Siemens-Plania~~ do not possess the necessary equipment. Bitterfeld retains 100 tons per month and returns the remainder to Siemens-Plania for machining.

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2. In May 1948, an order was received from Czechoslovakia for 600 tons of graphite electrodes. The nipples were to be made of "Rh" graphite, which is not yet possible because of the shortage of equipment. The order is to be finished in one year.

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Comment: It seems fairly clear that if the USSR wants special graphite in quantity, it will be obtained from Bitterfeld and not from Siemens-Plania.)

3. A new Soviet general manager called Gorkovenko has been appointed. He was previously director of SAG Pribol in Leipzig.
4. Lindner, the German business manager, has suddenly been replaced by Director Spengler.
5. The commission from the Soviet Ministry for Buntmetall Industries has not yet left. It is still studying methods of testing materials, and has made a study of graphitization at Bitterfeld.
6. The commission from the Ministry of Aircraft Industry, which had been at the Siemens-Plania plant for about a year and a half, has left.

Comment: As of June 1948 there were still no signs that Siemens-Plania was being evacuated to the USSR.)

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